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**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF ALASKA**

NORTHERN ALASKA
ENVIRONMENTAL CENTER, *et al.*,

Plaintiffs,

v.

DEBRA HAALAND, in her official
capacity, *et al.*,

Case No. 3:20-cv-00187-SLG

Defendants,

and

AMBLER METALS, LLC, *et al.*,

Intervenor-Defendants.

DEFENDANTS' FOURTEENTH STATUS REPORT

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Defendants submit the following status report in accordance with the Court's Order Re Motions for Voluntary Remand (ECF No. 143) dated May 17, 2022. This is Defendants' fourteenth status report, which expands upon information provided in the prior status reports, the most recent of which was filed on July 16, 2024 (ECF No. 208).

As previously reported, Defendant Bureau of Land Management (BLM) posted its Ambler Road Record of Decision (ROD) to its ePlanning website on June 28, 2024. The BLM ROD, Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement, and other information about the project can be found at <https://eplanning.blm.gov/eplanning-ui/project/57323/510>. Additionally, on August 5, 2024, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers suspended the Clean Water Act Section 404 permit associated with the Ambler Road Project. A copy of the suspension letter is attached as Exhibit 1 hereto. Counsel anticipate further conferring about how the BLM ROD and Corps suspension affect, or provide a basis for further proceedings in, this litigation.

Defendants' next report is due on November 15, 2024. Defendants will continue to "(1) provide prompt notice to Plaintiffs of any applications and authorizations for activities on federal lands related to the Ambler Road and (2) provide no less than 28 days' notice to Plaintiffs in advance of any ground-disturbing activities [except limited brush clearing solely to allow for helicopter landings] occurring pursuant to the 404 permit or other authorizations." Order Re Motions for Reconsideration 12, ECF No. 151.

Respectfully submitted this 16th day of September 2024.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on September 16, 2024, a copy of the foregoing was served by electronic means on all counsel of record by the Court's CM/ECF system.

/s/ Paul A. Turcke

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